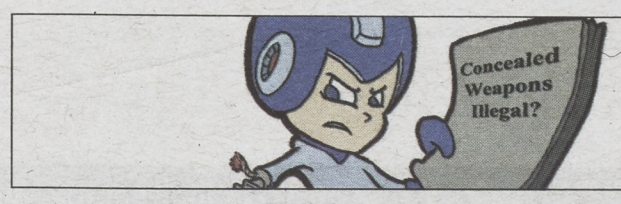

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CFA authorizes vote on strike

CSU officials say a vote would be 'stepping ahead in the process.'

By Vinny Earley
Staff Writer

In a unanimous decision Monday night, the California Faculty Association's board of directors authorized its members to vote on a potential strike. The vote will take place on Cal State University campuses between April 16 and April 27.

The CFA board's authorization came after 18 months of labor negotiations between the union and the CSU system. The focus of these negotiations is on faculty contracts.

Brian Ferguson, a CFA spokesman, said that the bargaining process is not going well.

"Our hope is still very much to come to an agreement at the table," Ferguson said. "However, this is a step we need to take if the negotiations remain stagnant."

The negotiations are at a mediation stage right now, which is likely to be followed by a fact-finding stage, where two neutral parties put together a report of facts for both sides to consider.

If no agreement has been made after

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Engineers hold RC car triathlon at CSULB

The race is a part of E-Week, which will continue with a mixer, scavenger hunt today.

By Kristine McGowan
Assistant News Editor

Zombie tag, cardboard boat races and a Battle Royale of radio-controlled cars were just a few of the many events that comprise Engineers Week at Cal State Long Beach this year.

E-Week 2012 consists of several different events celebrating and recognizing engineering achievements, according to the event website.

The week began with the opening of a Zombies vs. Humans week-long tag game, and continued with an egg drop and RC car triathlon on Monday.

A few zombies acted as judges for the RC Triathlon in the basketball courts by the Engineering 3 building.

Many engineering clubs and societies participated in the triathlon, entering a modified RC car into the three-part competition.

"It's a fun way to make things and break them," said Cynthia Lopez, President of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics at CSULB.

Clubs that organized the event paid for the RC cars, said Elizabeth Sandoval, a chair of E-Week 2012. She said the clubs paid around $70 for each car, but charged competition participants only $20.

Participants also covered expenses of the modifications they made to their cars, some of which were so extreme that the RCs no longer resembled toy cars.

"We took off the plastic shell and made an aluminum shell to put on it," said Chris Anderson, a student on the CSULB California Launch Vehicle Education Initiative (CALVEIN) team.

He said the team attached a drill motor to the top of their RC, which would spin sharpened, metal arms to attack competitors.

Anderson said the team spent all last

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Engineers and other students watch on as robots battle to the end.

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Graduate school applications on rise at CSULB

More students decide to extend education before entering the workforce.

By Alfred Pallarca
Staff Writer

For Ben Martinez, a senior computer engineering major, graduating this spring does not mean his days sitting inside big lecture halls are numbered. Martinez is jumping straight to graduate school instead of joining the workforce.

Martinez is among the growing number of students who are pursuing their master's degree right after graduating college. With today's poor job market, more students are taking the extra mile and adding the competitive edge of a master's to their resumes for a better chance of getting hired.

"I think, nowadays, it's not enough to just have your bachelor's degree," Martinez said. "I decided I need to get my master's so that I can specialize in robotics and have a higher chance of being able to join great companies such as Google or Windows."

The number of students pursuing their master's at Cal State Long Beach has increased in recent years. In 2010, 678 CSULB graduates decided to pursue their master's at their alma mater, but only 416 of them were admitted.

Although some are taking a break and planning on getting their master's later, Nicole Herschler, a graduating psychology major at CSULB, does not want her knowledge to get rusty. She is pursuing her master's degree at a Cal State to enhance her knowledge in the field.

"Psychology is a relatively broad field, and the particular career I have chosen requires at least a master's degree," Herschler said.

Cecile Lindsay, dean of graduates, said students need to intensely research before planning on pursuing their master's.

"Students need to clarify their professional goals and whether an

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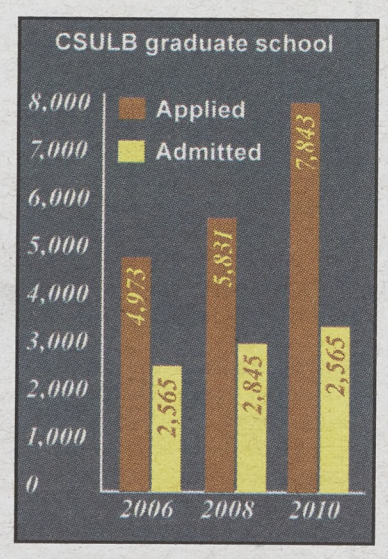

Hybrid classes get greater attendance, involvement rates

Most students enjoy having control over their time, space.

By Julie Chung
Staff Writer

Hybrid courses, classes that are part online, part face-to-face, are reported to increase student involvement and performance by using web-based technology and classroom techniques.

According to the Cal State Long Beach website, a hybrid class is a course that depends on both academic technology and face-to-face contact between the students and instructor, where one-third to two-thirds of the contact time uses academic technology, such as online assignments posted by the instructor.

"I'm a huge believer in hybrid classes," said Maria Claver, a gerontology professor. "I think the days are over of faculty standing in front of the room and talking to students for however long ... we need to have students actively part of [classes]."

According to a study on hybrid courses conducted by LON-CAPA, an online course management system, online homework completion rates are greater than attendance rates for face-to-face lectures and hybrid courses might help increase students' in-class attendance.

The study indicated that focusing on attendance rates for hybrid courses is important because there is a predictable correlation between attendance and academic performance.

"It's really convenient to do your work at home," said Andrea Rodriguez, a junior fashion merchandising and design major. "The professor does a great job of getting through the information and she has lectures on how to do certain assignments online."

Students may be more likely to do well in hybrid classes because of their familiarity with a web-based technology environment, and the control over the time and space where they do their work, the study reported.

"For me, personally, I don't learn well from online classes," said Michele Cardigan, a senior sociology and Chicano Latino studies double major. "I need that one-on-one interaction … [the hybrid class] was a huge hassle. You have to learn [the material] on your own."

Cardigan said the political science

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Students continue to text and drive despite laws

Cellphone use is the No. 1 safety concern on the road.

By Jessica Rosales
Staff Writer

The California 2011 Statewide Traffic Safety Survey showed that cellphone use while driving has become the No. 1 safety concern, surpassing the No. 1 concern of 2010 — speeding and aggressive driving.

Many Cal State Long Beach students agreed.

Senior civil engineering major Anthony Dombrowski said that other drivers are distracted when they "are putting on make-up or eating, but most of the time, the biggest distraction is just a cellphone."

Although some drivers may brush off the initial $25 fine for texting while driving, many do not consider other fines as well, including court fees.

According to University Police Capt. Scott Brown, the price actually totals about $130.

In addition to fines, the driver's insurance bill could be affected if cited multiple times, Brown said.

The Traffic Safety Survey also found that about 60.1 percent of Californians have been or almost have been hit by a driver who was on the phone.

"It's important not to [text while driving] especially around campus," Brown said. "Pedestrians always step out and … reaction times are slow already."

Last week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposed to have automakers design dashboards that disable distracting devices. This means that a driver would only be able to respond to a text if the vehicle is in park.

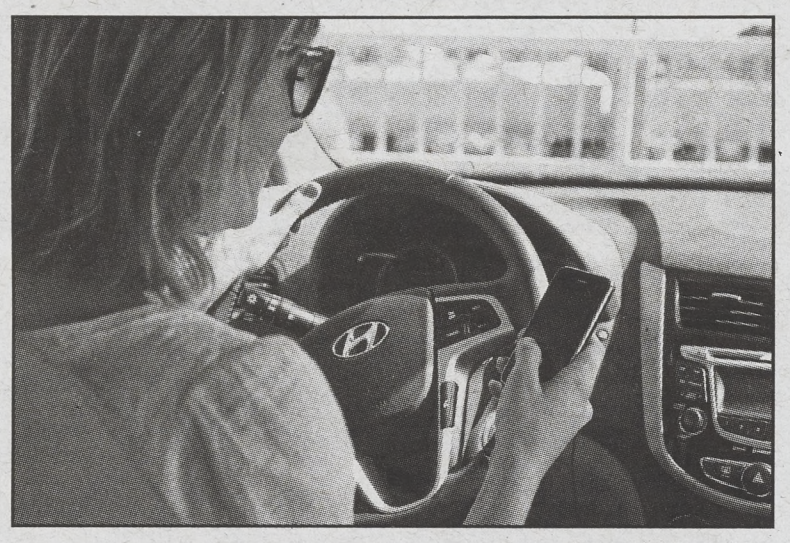
"I like the idea," Dombrowski said. "But it should already be common sense not to use your phone while driving, we don't need a device to tell us that."

Joseph Dondero, a junior psychology major, admits to occasionally texting while driving, but believes it's up to the drivers to be more responsible.

"It's not the responsibility of the government or car makers to make sure people are paying attention while driving," Dondero said. Even with all these concerns, there are still drivers who continue to use phones while behind the wheel.

"We all do it," Brown said. "Even though I know better, it is like the Pavlovian dogs' ingrained response ... to immediately check a message."

Dondero thinks the importance of the conversation is directly linked to how distracted the driver will be. "Letting a friend know that I'm on my way isn't a big distraction, but then there are those people who have business meetings or get divorced over the phone," Dondero said.



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Students are increasingly using their cellphones while driving.

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hybrid course she took was more intensive and had more information to be covered because more online assignments were available through Beachboard.

Hybrid courses were introduced to the CSULB system a couple years ago, but significant changes have been made.

Beachboard introduced Illuminate, a new program for hybrid courses to utilize.

"[Students] log into Illuminate from wherever they are, and I give a lecture," Claver said. "But they can chat and ask people questions so that our global partners ... from Canada, Taiwan, Singapore, Norway, the Netherlands and Japan can pipe in."

Students are not the only ones challenged by these new course formats. Faculty members are also challenged to keep students interested online so that students do not have to read only textbooks for class.

The CSULB website says traditional, local online or distance education, and hybrid courses are all recognized as legitimate instructional modes offered by CSULB.

Online portions of hybrid courses are not simply assignments posted for students to finish by a deadline, they are interactive sessions that allow students to retain a more in-depth understanding of the course material.

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the fact-finding stage, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed can impose a "last, best and final offer." If the CFA rejects this offer, its members can strike if they vote to in April.

"Our goal isn't to force a strike down anyone's throat," Ferguson said. "We don't want to strike, but we will if we have to."

CSU spokesman Erik Fallis said the CFA board's decision to authorize the vote sends a mixed message in the midst of negotiations.

"The strike vote seems to be stepping ahead in the process," Fallis said. "We're still in mediation."

According to Ferguson, Reed is pushing for more classes to be moved into extended education. Classes offered under the CSU's extend education program are not subsidized by the state and cost students more per unit.

Fallis, however, said that such a move would be beneficial to students.

"We want to continue to offer summer classes within extended education, so that students can enroll in the necessary classes to graduate," Fallis said.

The CSU has also proposed that the faculty union pay the release time for its president and political action chair, which means that the CSU would stop paying release time for the two positions when they are not teaching classes, Fallis said.

But Fallis also said there have been no proposed reductions in employee salaries, health care benefits, or pensions.

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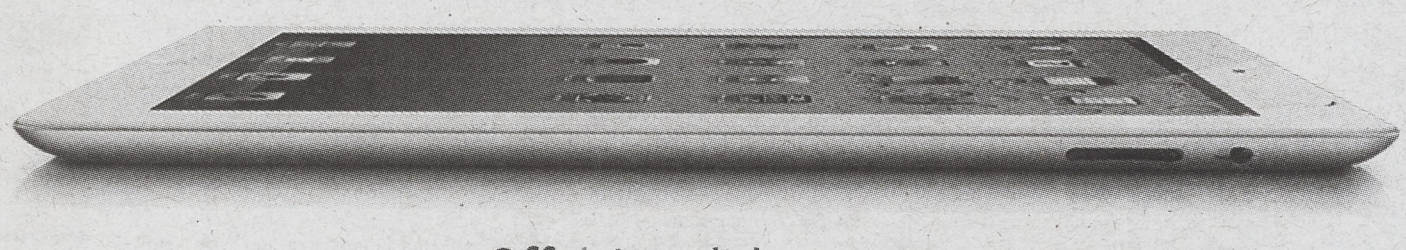

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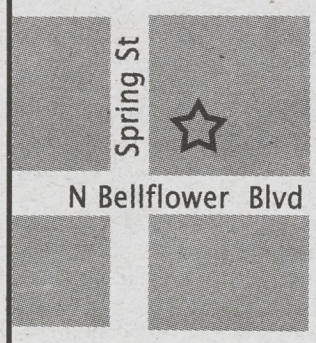

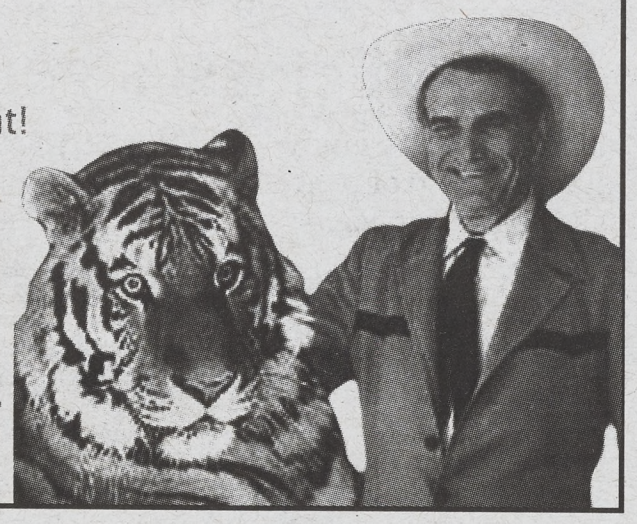

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Student parents face cuts to Child Development Program

ASI passed a resolution opposing Gov. Brown's proposed cut.

By Monique Carnes
Assistant City Editor

A resolution in opposition to Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed cuts to the state's Child Development Program was passed by Associated Students Inc. on its first reading Feb. 15.

Brown proposed a cut of $517 million throughout the state of California. An estimated amount of 62,000 children will be affected by the cuts statewide.

The Isabel Patterson Child Development Center (IPCDC), located on the Cal State Long Beach campus, would be affected by these cuts if the budget is passed.

ASI Vice President Stephen Thomas said via email that ASI was not informed on exactly how much the IPCDC would be cut from the $517 million statewide budget reduction.

A statewide letter-writing campaign was launched to give a voice to the people who will be affected by these cuts.

"The campaign is already in affect across the state, and we will begin our support movement pending the approval from the student Senate," Thomas said.

The IPCDC provides CSULB students first-priority to a discounted price for childcare services. For students who are low-income, a state-subsidized and federal financial assistance program is available during the academic year.

The purpose of the IPCDC is to provide parents who are also students the opportunity of higher education while their children are in affordable child development programs on-campus.

Although CSULB students are prioritized, CSULB faculty, alumni and community members are welcomed to enroll their children in the programs as well.

"If approved, the letters would be available at the IPCDC, on our Lobby Corp website and in the ASI Government Office, and will be distributed to the student parents who use the CDC," Thomas said.

The letter-writing campaign will be in effect until the state budget has been passed.

"It is our goal to demonstrate the magnitude of student parents that would be affected by these cuts across the state in hopes that the budget will continue to support our student parents by funding child development," Thomas said.

Honda Civic stolen from campus

By Jessica Rosales
Staff Writer

A student reported his 1994 red Honda Civic stolen from Parking Structure 1, the structure closest to the Walter Pyramid, between the times of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 13, University Police Capt. Scott Brown said.

The vehicle was parked on the ramp between level one and two. Currently, there are no suspects, Brown said.

Beach Cart break-in

An unknown amount of inventory was stolen from the 49er Shops' Beach Cart located near the College of Business Administration building on Feb. 12, Brown said.

The Beach Cart was locked up for the weekend, but the suspect was able to bypass the locks. The cart was found with its doors open and items, including ice cream, missing. A final count of inventory will be done to find exactly what was missing, Brown said.

Car race in parking structure

Five Cal State Long Beach students were found racing vehicles in Parking Structure 1 around 10 p.m. on Feb. 11, Brown said.

Although no one was injured, the participants were warned and advised to leave the campus once University Police arrived on scene.

Scuffle during basketball game

A man reported an assault during a student basketball game at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Feb. 15 at 4:40 p.m., Brown said.

University Police were able to review the videos and noted that it was just a case of a basketball game that became too aggressive. The issue was resolved by the SRWC, instead of by the University Police, Brown said.

Purse stolen from Brotman Hall

A CSULB employee reported her purse stolen from her office in Brotman Hall between the times of 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Feb. 15, Brown said.

The employee stepped out and returned to her office to find her purse missing from her desk. The total estimated loss is unknown, Brown said.

Wallets and other items stolen

A student reported his wallet stolen from his backpack in the Fine Arts 3 building on Feb. 10, Brown said.

The class stepped out for a few minutes and the student returned to find his wallet missing. The value of the stolen property is unknown, Brown said.

A student also reported her wallet, cell phone, and car keys taken from her backpack in the main floor of the University Library.

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A 1994 Honda Civic was recently stolen from Parking Structure 1.

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week working on their RC in a lab on campus.

Participants competed in three different events of the triathlon, including an obstacle course race, a "King of the Hill" competition and a Battle Royale.

There were also three divisions of RC cars: lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight.

Zack Bales, a judge and member of the CSULB Society of Robotics and Computer Technology, said teams had to follow regulations set by the judges and those set by campus police.

"Certain things are okay, but no projectiles, no flames, no acids [are allowed]," Bales said. "Last week, we ran into a lot of problems."

Bales also said knives were not allowed, forcing the CALVEIN team to dull the blades on the metal arms of their bot.

However, this didn't hurt CALVEIN's performance in the Battle Royale as one of the metal arms struck CSULB Society of Automotive Engineers' (SAE) bot many times.

"Come on! Somebody attack the Sexy Pony!" judge James Coolidge said during the battle.

In the end, CALVEIN's and SAE's bots each lost to the CSULB Veterans Network by more than 40 points.

Winning teams in each division won a $50 gift card to **Amazon.com**, Bales said.

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advanced degree will advance those goals," she said.

Martinez said that getting a master's degree is not for everyone, especially if his or her chosen profession does not require it.

Herschler said she wants to fully comprehend her profession to be able to help her future patients.

"I am looking forward to learning the necessary skills required to succeed as a therapist, as well as working alongside other professionals with similar career focuses," she said. "I [want] to gain the experience working with addiction, sex therapy and couples counseling in a mental health agency."

Whether it is financial or academic, Martinez and Herschler said they are ready to tackle the challenge ahead of them. They said they are hoping to get their parent's support with expenses. Herschler is currently working and saving money while Martinez has been looking for a part-time job.

"I'm excited to hopefully go to UC Berkeley," Martinez said. "I'm ready to take my education to the next level."

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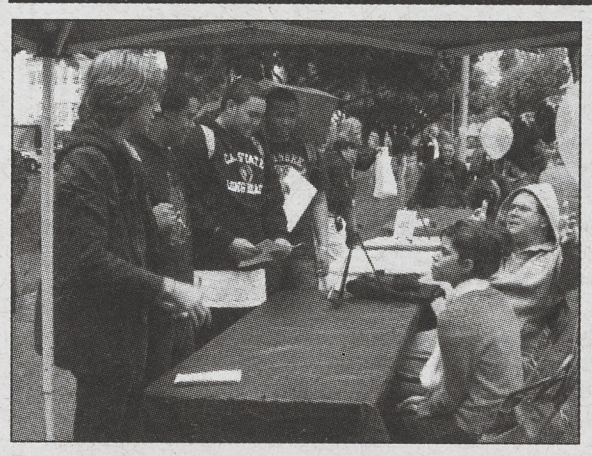

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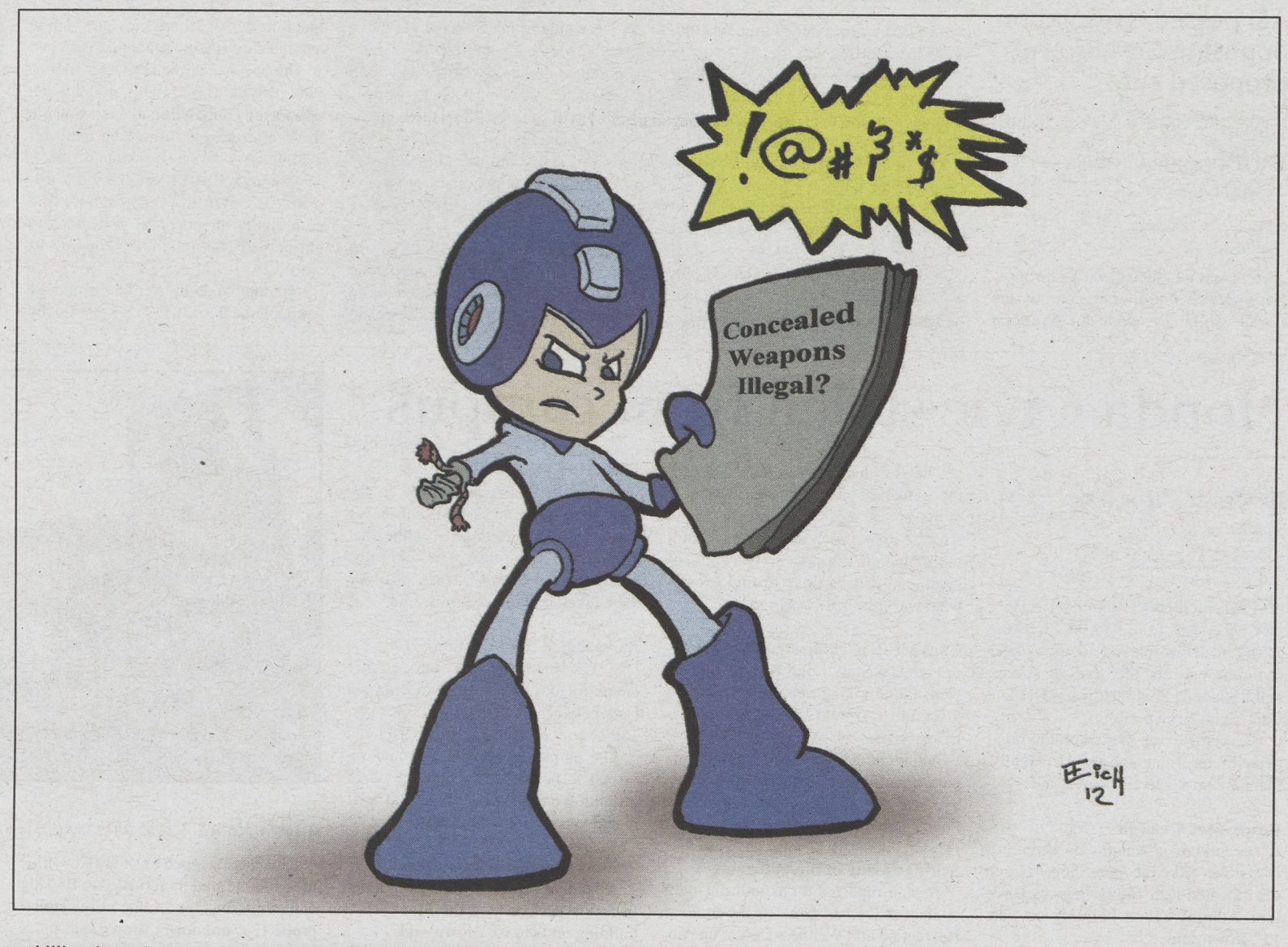

Our View

Gun control is getting tighter and tighter in California as new legislation was passed last month that restricts carrying unconcealed unloaded weapons. The legislation upset many gun-toting Californians who believe this law not only denies their constitutional right to bear arms, but also impedes self-defense.

It has become very difficult to get a gun permit these days in California. Especially in rural areas where a legitimate threat needs to be proven in order to warrant owning a gun. Also, the weapon can't be taken out of one's private residence.

Even though the U.S. Constitution states that every American has the right to bear arms, California judges and lawmakers don't believe the laws in California impede this right. It is legal to have a gun in this state; there are just strict restrictions.

Before the new legislation, people were able to get permits to carry unconcealed unloaded weapons. However, there is little point to this other than to intimidate others, or in some cases for show. It was legal to carry ammo as well. If it did come to a situation of self-defense, one would have to load their gun before being able to fire.

Even though some people feel carrying a gun with them makes them safer, it does not necessarily mean everyone else is safe.

There have been many instances where someone carrying a weapon had it accidently fire and ended up hurting or killing themselves or someone else.

Eliminating both concealed and unconcealed weapons altogether, even if they're unloaded, is a wise decision. No one should assume that a gun is unloaded.

There are a few things people can do if they are worried that taking away the right to carry unconcealed unloaded weapons will hinder self-defense. Buying a can of pepper spray or registering for self-defense classes can help someone feel safer. Besides, pulling out a gun, even unloaded, always escalates the situation. The attacker may have a gun as well, possibly loaded, at which point an unloaded weapon would be useless.

The courts will have to decide whether or not California's laws are unconstitutional. Judges have interpreted many laws set by the Constitution throughout the years and the right to bear arms has always been at the forefront. Times have changed a lot since our Constitution was written. Guns are no longer the safest way to protect us. Guns may make one feel safe, but the odds of it being needed for anything other than recreation or show are low.

Yet, gun supporters will continue to fight for the full right to bear arms, and they have every right to. However, it is more likely to see tighter restrictions on guns in both California and across the U.S. in the future.

Even though there are many responsible gun owners, there are too many irresponsible ones who are difficult to trust. This is why we will not see the trend of tightening gun control change anytime soon.

Lin brings talent, race, and questionable puns to the forefront

Chase Doerr

Insanity is the best way to describe the media attention NBA basketball player, Jeremy Lin, is receiving during his breakout performance over the past few weeks. However, if you happen to be a fan of puns, "Linsanity" may be more appropriate. In Lin's first few games he single-handedly rejuvenated a stale New York Knicks team. But, only time will tell if Lin is the real deal.

It's easy for Americans to jump on the bandwagon of a winning player. Audiences want to see a winner, so the media provides constant coverage of that player on and off the court.

As we've started to see with Lin and past ESPN hog, Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, sometimes the inundation of coverage can be burdensome.

In Tebow's case, the amount of face-time he received last season was more of a joke than anything. Analysts were stumped by Tebow's winning streak while playing so poorly. A successful NFL quarterback doesn't complete just two of eight passes in a game and expect to win. But Tebow did, and the Broncos managed to have an undefeated run that helped lead them to a surprising playoff run.

Lin was filling in for the Knicks injured star Carmelo Anthony. Yet, Lin is putting up better numbers than Anthony was when he was healthy. Since Lin's start he's been the top scorer in the NBA, outscoring all-stars like Kobe Bryant and LeBron James. The Knicks had their own undefeated stretch as well.

Besides their ability to win, the back-stories for Lin and Tebow only make them more appealing. Lin is a Harvard graduate who wasn't able to find playing time anywhere. He was living on his brother's couch.

Tebow was a college football star that many believed couldn't handle the NFL. But Broncos fans wanted to see him get a chance.

Also, both players are devout Christians whose strong beliefs have convinced many to believe God is on their side.

It's easy to draw comparisons between the two players. But the glaring question is whether they deserve the media frenzy.

Besides being an incredible player, Lin has something that Tebow doesn't have. Lin is a minority in his sport. He's one of the few Asian players in the NBA ever to perform this well.

It's unfortunate that race still plays a factor in the conversation. Lin is one of a very few NBA players of Asian descent, but this shouldn't take precedent to his play.

Once race is brought into the equation we get respected news outlets making mistakes, like ESPN's recent racial slur headline blunder, "Chink In The Armor," that suck the fun out of it. Los Angeles Times sports columnist, Bill Plaschke, drives home the subtle racial overtones associated with Lin by saying, "Jeremy Lin has dribbled America into the previously quiet corner of its casual prejudice and lazy stereotypes of Asian Americans."

Race and puns aside, I hope the media restrains itself when covering Lin and future big stars. Lin is a great story, but so was Tebow until we were overwhelmed with coverage.

Toward the end, Tebow was easier to dislike more than anything. The more the media gently spoon-feeds us "Linformation" instead of forcing it down our throats, the more we can appreciate his talent.

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Public sector unions are not to blame for country's problems

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Across the country, public schools are floundering, public services are being cut, and many states are facing financial devastation. Many place some of the blame on public sector unions, but they don't deserve it. Public sector unions serve a worthy purpose for their workers, and they aren't a threat to the government's sustainability.

Critics charge that the unions are too powerful and have too much influence over the government. Political scientist Daniel DiSalvo argues that government unions have more power than private unions in that they can help elect politicians who they'll bargain with later on, and that due to this heightened political activity they have major pull. This argument is misguided.

Government bureaucracies have managers that deal with and bargain with unions, so politicians aren't involved. Managers can disagree with the unions and negotiate for what they feel is better for the government.

Additionally, as law professor Anne Marie Lofaso mentions, corporations and other special interests have broad influence over politicians as well, so the problem is corrupt politicians.

If the government speaks against a union's desire to strike, they can negotiate and reach such an agreement. Thus, DiSalvo's fear is a false one.

Yet another criticism, leveled by DiSalvo, is that the government has a monopoly on many services, thus giving unionized public workers a stranglehold on these services at the expense of the public. Lofaso argues that while the government indeed has a monopoly on some services, it's a "monopsonist buyer (single buyer) of the labor needed to provide these services."

Since this leads to abuse, Lofaso argues that unions are necessary to block government mistreatment of workers.

Furthermore, opponents of government worker unionization erroneously assert that public-sector workers subvert democracy.

The argument, offered by DiSalvo, is that public sector collective bargaining transfers some power to make decisions from elected representatives, who are accountable to the people, to union leaders, whom the people haven't authorized to make such decisions.

Thus this is an undemocratic violation of the people's sovereignty. This argument fails to acknowledge that many people in the public sector make decisions and aren't accountable to the people directly, yet they are accountable to management and indirectly to elected officials.

It would be great if the public could directly hire government workers and oversee them to ensure that they're fulfilling their duties, but this is impractical and inefficient, as direct democracy usually is.

So, in the interest of utility, we elect officials who delegate their authority to others so government tasks can be accomplished.

But union representatives are different. Their job is to protect the interests of their workers, not alter public policy. There may be effects on policy issues, but the effects are usually incidental and don't deprive taxpayers of any liberties.

Also, even if there wasn't a formal union, workers could still ostensibly seek workplace changes on an individual basis, which could limit some of the government's power.

Another fallacy is that public workers are paid more than their private sector counterparts. Research has proven that private sector workers earn more in total compensation.

Regarding pensions, economists cite the recession and poor fund allocation by the government as being the culprit, not the unions, and there are ways to resolve the funding issues.

Instead of making public sector unions a scapegoat, politicians need to focus on legitimate ways of handling government finances.

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Religion should not play a factor when voting for president

ALEXIS REZA

On Saturday, Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum made some weird remarks about President Obama's religion while discussing global warming. There are a lot of unfavorable things to be said about Santorum, but instead of focusing on that, we should consider why this is even news at all.

America is technically a secular nation. Despite the fact that we claim not to value one religion over another in this country, when it comes to politics and electing our leaders, good Christian values are always respected over any other religion - or lack of religion.

Just the thought of this country ever electing an atheist or agnostic president seems out of this world. For some reason, a large majority of people still think that a good leader needs to follow some kind of religion, and more often than not, voters want to see a "good Christian" elected into office.

These views are typically more often found in Republican voters, but President Obama always makes it clear that he is a Christian who believes in what is written in The Bible. One reason Obama took so long waffling about gay marriage is because his religion doesn't permit it - but, mostly it was the desire to not stray too far from his centrist appeal.

Either way, he still made a point to highlight his Christianity, which is something I just don't think is necessary.

Being religious doesn't signify a person's ability to be a great leader. Conversely, a lack of religion doesn't signify a person's incompetence as a leader or a lack of morals. People read into that too much.

Being religious, or not, isn't even a reflection on someone's character. It just means they've made a personal decision to believe in a higher power or not. I'm not trying to say that religion, atheism, or agnosticism is better than the others, I'm just saying that there are more important things to consider when voting someone into office.

Santorum said Obama believes in "phony theology" that isn't in line with The Bible. Who cares? That should be the least of our concern come November.

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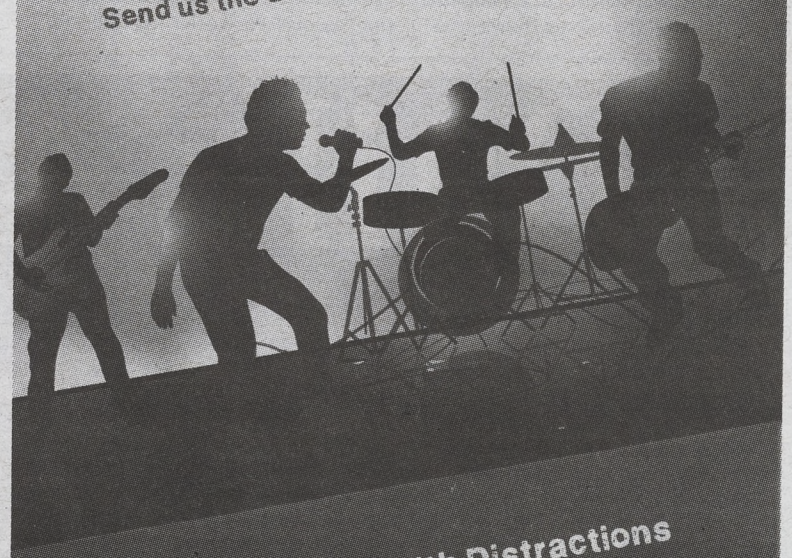

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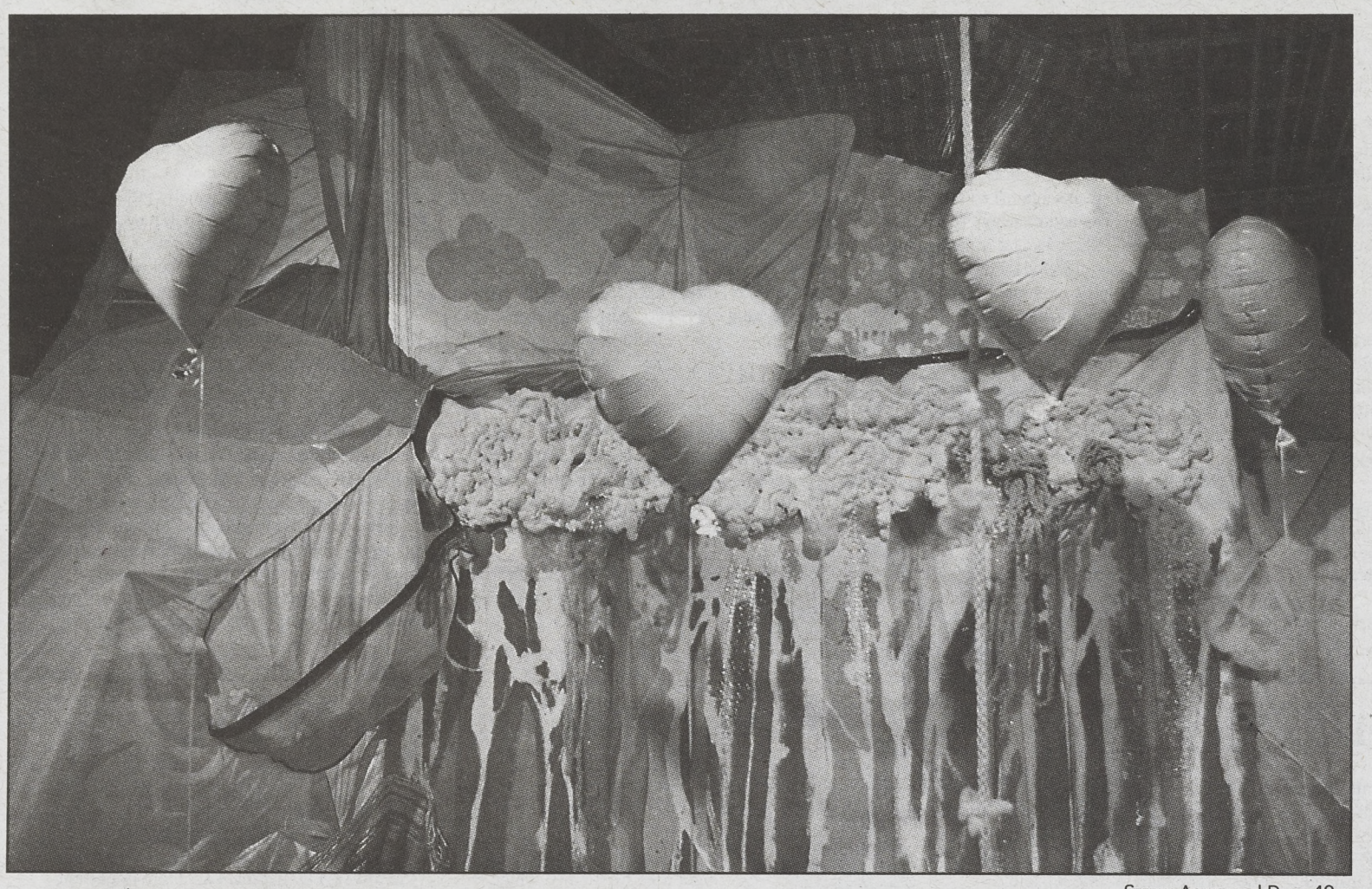

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Sculptor Tina Linvelle and painter Annelie McKenzie are collaborating to produce "Beyond the Courtyard" at the Werby Student Art Gallery .

Student artists mix sculpting and painting

Tina Linville and Annelie McKenzie *collaborate to* present 'Beyond the Courtyard.'

BY LESLIE CAMPOS
Staff Writer

Inspired by the troubled history of sculpting and painting, Cal State Long Beach sculptor Tina Linville and painter Annelie McKenzie come together for a collaborative installation that combines their two distinct crafts.

"Beyond the Courtyard" is on display at the Werby Student Gallery this week for the artists' second collaborative installation.

Linville and McKenzie began putting their work together after seeing a relationship between the two collections when they happened to be near each other at a group gallery last year.

"It was like they were talking to each other," said McKenzie, a sophomore MFA student. "They come from a troubled history. They are very separate but we are trying to bring them together."

When entering the Werby gallery, one can encounter the first space, which resembles a cultivated garden, highly organized with neatly placed found object sculptures throughout and framed art hung evenly and symmetrically placed on the walls.

It soon turns into a mash-up of color and objects when one look to the right. It features a large tarp canvas on which McKenzie painted a replica of Linville's sculpture that sits right in front of it.

Fabrics were also sewn into the canvas itself and a hedge-like sculpture that helped the audience note the transition from the neat courtyard to the chaotic. They used extremely saturated colors and a vast variety of found objects into the sculptures including mannequins, shoes, vacuum cleaners and big umbrellas.

Scattered across the floor are nearly 200 small fabric rope coils, dyed in different colors that made them looked like sea shells.

"It's a wonderful experience to walk into, to look at it and take it all in," said Tina Bonaventura, a senior studio art - drawing and painting major. "You have to take a closer look and separate yourself from the object and color and take it in."

The artists became more in tune with each other and their disciplines by being more vocal about what they were doing. Instead of asking if it was okay with one another first, they went with their instincts and asked questions later.

"It became a call and response action," said Linville, a sophomore MFA student. "I sew onto the paintings and she paints onto my sculptures."

The third and final space is located in the back of the gallery and conveys a heavenly arena. It has white fabric scattered over the wall and canvases, as well as what seems to be snowflake replicas hanging from the ceiling.

This arena also features white balloons that sway in the wind and move as the audience moves through it. Theme lighting from beneath the wall of fabric add mystery to the already calm and silent space.

The calm, white space is meant to contrast the wild and chaotic area before it and offers the audience a clear difference, like day and night.

Linville and McKenzie say the purpose of the three different spaces is to allow the audience to decide which space they feel more comfortable in. The installation piece is left to the interpretation of the individual and is ultimately there to be enjoyed.

"Our work became more integrated and concrete," Linville said. "We spent a lot of time communicating as we painted and sewed."

The two artists said they did a second installation to try to go more in depth in their collaboration. This time around they focused less on planning prior to the art-making and simply went for it.

"I feel like we became more comfortable with each other," McKenzie said. "Tina sewed way more and I painted way more than the previous installation. We got braver."

Linville and McKenzie brought all the material for their installations into the art gallery a few days before the opening and worked tirelessly to integrate their disciplines and come up with a more elaborate and thoughtful collaboration.

They said that some things were made in their studios, but a majority of what the audience sees was built within a week in the gallery itself.

"Beyond the Courtyard" will be on display in the Werby student art gallery until Feb. 23.

The student art galleries are open Sundays from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Mondays through Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m.; and Wednesdays from noon to 7 p.m.

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49ers host rival UCSB Gauchos

The 'Niners are looking to build on their dominant 71-48 victory over the Gauchos earlier this season.

By Daniel Van Hoosier
Assistant Sports Editor

After suffering a last-second defeat at the hands of Creighton University during BracketBuster weekend, the Long Beach State men's basketball team is looking to get back into the win column as Big West Conference play resumes.

The 'Niners (19-7, 12-0 Big West) had its 12-game win streak snapped Saturday night as Creighton's Antoine Young floated-in a runner with 0.3 seconds remaining in the contest, giving the Bluejays an 81-79 victory.

The Beach returns to the court tonight at 8 p.m. for its second matchup of the season with Big West rival UC Santa Barbara (15-8, 9-3 Big West).

LBSU head coach Dan Monson said the team will not change its game plan after the tough loss.

"We just can't change our mindset," he said. "It's about just playing the next play, the next game, and not getting too emotional after wins and now after a loss. It's over, we have to go on to the next one."

In the previous contest, LBSU pulled away late in the second half and eventually built a 30-point lead, leaving a raucous Gaucho crowd stunned.

Monson said the team will have to improve the way it opens the game in order to defeat UCSB again.

"We didn't come out and just steamroll them the way it felt like," Monson explained. "We went on a run at the end of the half in the second half were able to pull away."

Monson added: "It wasn't as easy as it looked. It was a progression and we didn't jump on them early. It continues to be probably the biggest thing we talk about, how we start and how we finish."

The Beach, anchored by senior guard Larry Anderson's game-high 19 points, went on to a 71-48 victory.

LBSU held the conference's leading scorer, senior guard Orlando Johnson to his second lowest output of the season, just ten points, which is half of his average. The 'Niners were also able to hold Johnson's partner in crime, senior guard James Nunnally to five points on the evening — ten points below his season average.

The blowout win, however, is not indicative of the usual nature of contest between the two rivals, and the 'Niners expect a more competitive outing from the Gauchos on Wednesday.

Anderson said the loss to Creighton and the fact that UCSB will be looking for revenge will help keep the 'Niners on task.

"With the long winning streak we probably got our ego a little too big," Anderson said.

Anderson said in order to grab another victory against the Gauchos, LBSU will have to keep focusing on their game.

"[We need to] box out, run and stay hungry; we were very hungry the first game."

Senior guard Casper Ware, the Big West's third leading scorer at 17.3 points per game said the team must move on from its most recent loss in order to be successful in the final four regular season games.

"We just have to focus on Santa Barbara, the big focus is our league," he said. "We just have to focus on what we can control and that's tomorrow night's game."

Ware added: "They're going to come in with a chip on their shoulder and come play hard and really get after us. We just have to meet their intensity."

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Eugene Phelps (4) hopes to rebound from a subpar game on Saturday.

The 'Niners defeated UCSB handily in their first meeting this season on Jan. 21 at the Thunderdome. LBSU will be looking to repeat its dominant performance tonight at the Walter Pyramid.

LBSU	UCSB
Ponits: 71	Ponits: 48
FG%: 56.5 (27 of 46)	FG%: 35.1 (20 of 57)
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Key Stat: The 49ers held UCSB's top two scorers, Orlando Johnson and James Nunnally to just 15 points combined on 5 of 22 shooting.	Key Stat: The Gauchos were outplayed in nearly every major statistical category, including: FG%, 3PFG%, rebounds and assists.

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